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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SOVIET RESOLUTION IN IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE
ON SOUTH AFRICA

REF: VIENNA 8369

1. DURING INITIAL CALL ON ME BY AMBASSADOR EROFEEV,
SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
VIENNA, EROFEEV INDICATED THAT SOVIETS WERE PROPOSING
TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WHICH
WOULD APPEAL TO SOUTH AFRICA TO AVOID ANY NUCLEAR
WEAPON TEST. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS PURPOSE WAS A
PURELY TECHNICAL ONE IN THE INTERESTS OF NON-PROLIFERA-
TION AND NOT A POLITICAL ONE.

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2. I TOLD EROFEEV THAT I FELT WE WERE IN A VERY
SENSITIVE STAGE WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND I WOULD
THEREFORE LIKE TO SEE HIS DRAFT BEFORE GIVING
DEFINITIVE COMMENTS. I ADVISED HIM IN GENERAL
TERMS OF OUR RECENT DEMARCHE TO SAG. I ADDED
THAT I FELT THAT THE CHANCES OF OBTAINING THE
ACTION WE DESIRED FROM SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE

MORE LIKELY ACHIEVED THROUGH PRIVATE
PRESSURES THAN THROUGH MORE PUBLIC ONES. FOR
THAT REASON I FELT I HAD TO BE VERY CUATIOUS
REGARDING ANY RESOLUTION.

3. EROFEEV REJOINED THAT HE BELIEVED PRIVATE
ASSURANCES IN THEMSELVES WEE NOT SUFFICITNE
AND ADDED THAT A RESOLUTION BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
ALONG THE LINES HE INTENDED WOULD ALSO SERVE AS
A GOOD WARNING FOR OTHER COUNTRIES BESIDES WOUTH
AFRICA. WHILE THEY HAD NOT YET PREPARED ANY DRAFT
LANGUAGE, EROFEEV SAID THEY WERE THINKING OF AN
APPEAL TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO ACCEPT NPT AND TO
REFRAIN FROM ANY PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4. EROFEEV SAID HE COULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY
THAT SOME AFRICAN STATES MIGHT PRESS FOR A MORE
POLITICAL RESOLUTION BUT HE FELT THAT AMORE TECHNICAL
RESOLUTION SOLELY DIRECTED TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION
ASPECTS MIGHT SERVE TO HEAD OFF A MORE CONTENTIOUS
POLITICAL RESOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: I AM INCLINED TO THINK THAT
EROFEEV'S PROPOSAL HAS SOME MERIT AND WOULD
WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT REACTION. SMITH

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